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GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS POWERS TO APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley has appointed former Secretary of the N.C. Department of Revenue **Helen A. Powers** of Asheville to the Appalachian State University Board of Trustees.

Powers was the first woman to serve as secretary of the N.C. Department of Revenue and held the position from 1985 to 1990. She is the former senior vice president of North Carolina National Bank, which is now Bank of America. Powers serves on the Warren Wilson College Board of Directors. She is a former member of the N.C. Banking Commission and former chair of the N.C. Capital Management Trust. Powers was inducted into the N.C. Business Hall of Fame in 1999 and was named a Distinguished Woman of North Carolina in 1987. She attended Western Carolina and graduated from the University of Wisconsin School of Bank Administration in Madison, Wis., and from the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J.

The board promotes the sound development of the institution within the functions prescribed for it, helps to serve the state in a way that will complement the activities of the other institutions and aid it to perform at a high level of excellence in every area of endeavor. The board has 13 members, each serving a four-year term. The governor appoints four members. Eight members are elected by the UNC Board of Governors. The student body president also serves on the board.

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